When Jesus Sees Us
"When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly." (Luke 19:5-6, NIV)

1. Jesus was intentional about coming to where Zacchaeus was
Jesus didn't just pass by Jericho by chance — He had a divine appointment. He "reached the spot" and looked up—He sought Zacchaeus.
- This shows the intentional pursuit of individuals, especially those society often overlooks.
- Jesus wasn't distracted by the crowd. His focus was personal, precise, and purposeful.

God doesn't wait for us to come to Him. He comes to where we are, in our brokenness, in our hiding, in our curiosity— just like Zacchaeus in the tree.

2. Jesus looked at Zacchaeus — What did He see versus what the people saw?
- The crowd saw a corrupt tax collector, a sinner, someone to be dismissed and despised.
- Jesus saw a man worth saving, a son of Abraham, someone longing for change and connection.

Jesus looked beyond reputation and saw potential.
He saw the heart, not the history. Where others saw shame, Jesus saw a soul.
This challenges us to view people not by their past but by their God-given value and destiny.

3. Jesus called him by name — Why is this significant?

"Zacchaeus" means "pure" or "innocent" — an ironic name for a man known for dishonesty.

- Jesus called him not by his sin but by his name.
- He affirmed identity over reputation, relationship over rejection.
- Calling him by name spoke of intimacy, dignity, and worth.

God still calls us by name. He speaks to who we really are — not who others say we are, or even who we think we are.

1. Zacchaeus responded quickly — Why must our response to God be immediate?

Zacchaeus "came down at once" and gladly welcomed Jesus.

- Delayed obedience is often disobedience.
- When Jesus calls, it's a divine moment — and moments pass.
- Immediate response shows faith, hunger, and humility.

When God stirs your heart, don't hesitate. His invitation is both urgent and gracious.